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Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Board Of Physical Therapy Examiners

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 15, 2008

The July 15, 2008 meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by the Chairperson,
Margery F. Rodgers, PT.

Call to Order

Board members present:

Ved K. Gupta, Consumer Member
Lori Mizell, PT
Donald Novak, PT
Lois Rosedom-Boyd, Consumer Member
Stephen Ryan, PT

Also present:

Ann E. Tyminski, Executive Director
Joy E. Aaron, Administrative Officer
Patricia Miller, Licensing Coordinator
Linda Bethman, AAG, Board Counsel
Sandra Kurland, Board Secretary
Ernest Bures, Investigator/Compliance Officer
Paula Hollinger - Arrived 1:10 p.m.
Sharon Bloom - Arrived 1:10 p.m.

Absent:

John Baker, PT
Shirley Leeper, PTA

The revised minutes of the meeting held on June 17, 2008 were reviewed and two
sites for signatures are to be corrected on the open session.

Minutes

Expense sheets were handed out and collected. Patricia Miller reviewed the new
instructions for completing expense reports.

Expenses

Ann Tyminski reviewed Ayman Abdelkader's application for physical therapist license. Mr. Abdelkader applied to Maryland for a license with a DPT (Doctor of Physical Therapy) from a New York program consisting of only 30 credits. He was unhappy that he was not issued a license in Maryland on the basis of the DPT, and would not have his Egypt core program evaluated. New York has licensed him. He indicates that some of his friends who hold the same degree are licensed in Maryland. Mrs. Tyminski stated that she feels the Board is justified in this matter, as our regulations say that the core curriculum must be equivalent to Maryland in the year of graduation.

Ayman
Abdelkader
Application

Patricia Miller reviewed a PT application for Amir Elsayed who presents with a DPT from New York and seeks licensure in Maryland on that basis. There were three different spellings of his middle name. The Board requested a copy of his passport to verify his name. They also indicated he must receive a passing score on the NPTE.

Amir Elsayed
Application

Mrs. Tyminski discussed the PT application of Reda G. Hanna. Mr. Hanna was educated in Egypt and received a DPT in New York. He was licensed in New York. The Board decided that we need more information from him, and that his Core PT program must be evaluated.

Reda Hanna
Application

In an e-mail to Mrs. Tyminski, Zenobia Knight asks about physical therapists doing finger sticks and physical therapist assistants performing the FIM (Functional Measure). As discussed previously, finger sticks are not considered physical therapy, but an adjunct to the practice. Secondly, Physical Therapist Assistants can record but not determine the information for the FIM. Ms. Knight will be so informed.

Finger Sticks
and FIMs

An inquiry from David Burnham asks about PTs and PTAs removing stitches. The Board responded that they can remove stitches, if they are competent to do so.

Stitch Removal

Mrs. Tyminski received an e-mail from Catherine von Stitt in reference to PTAs, who graduated from Anne Arundel Community College who say they are not able to document muscle strength using the 0/5-5/5 or grade balance using poor, fair or good. The PTAs are only able to use descriptors to document these activities. The Board stated PTAs are allowed to perform tests and measurements and record the measurements, but they cannot grade muscle strength as that takes an evaluative technique which is a task performed by the PT.

Inquiry from
Catherine von Stitt

Ann Tyminski received a message from the Nursing Board in reference to PTs performing finger sticks. The Nursing Board will discuss this issue at its meeting of July 21, 2008.

Nursing Board

Reports

Income summaries were distributed. Mrs. Tyminski stated that our expenditures were over budget this year. Next year our budget will be a little higher due to rent and salaries. We may need to raise renewal fees, which will not necessitate changing the fee schedule, as we have charged below the allowed rate for several years.

Budget

Mrs. Tyminski was included in a conference call on June 27, 2008 regarding APTA's strategy for animal physical therapy. The call included Steve Strunk, PT, Amy Hesbach, PT, Justin Elliot of APTA National, Lauri Levin, Executive Director of APTA of Maryland. The APTA members didn't indicate that any action was being taken with the animal PT. Mrs. Tyminski has offered to take Lauri Levin with her when she speaks to the legislators, so Ms. Levin will to know how to approach them. APTA wants to send out a new survey.	Animal PT
Mrs. Tyminski discussed our move to the third floor. We are asking for a locked door between the PT Board and Chiro Board, as Chiro personnel continue to come into the PT area. The locks on the doors to the steps would be very dangerous in a fire. Employees could actually be trapped. Mrs. Tyminski discussed the charge for double rent for the period the offices were being built. The Board authorized a letter to be sent to James Johnson, Deputy Secretary for Operations, expressing their displeasure at this charge.	Move
Mrs. Tyminski reviewed the Legislative Audit Report of the Boards performed recently. The audit was e-mailed to the staff with a request for comments. The audit was critical of licensure functions of the Physicians, Nursing and Pharmacy Boards.	Audit
Mrs. Tyminski reported that the members of the task force to study the Boards have been appointed. A member of the Mortician's Board has offered to meet with members of the other boards. Ms. Rodgers expressed her interest in doing so.	Task Force to Study Boards
Mrs. Tyminski reported that statistics are being collected by the Governor's office and that Joy Aaron, Ernest Bures, Patricia Miller and Mrs. Tyminski are working on the figures.	State Stats
Information	
Mrs. Tyminski received an e-mail from Jim Vallone in reference to the AELR Fee review briefing and the fact that a delegate expressed the need for a bill to prevent the legislature from removing funds from the Special Fund balances.	Fee Review
The revised Board Committee list was given to everyone for review.	Board Committee
The Psychology Board Newsletter was given to everyone for review. The Kentucky PT Board Newsletter was given to all for review.	News Letters
Mr. Bures reviewed an article on the newly formed Consortium to combat medical fraud. They have announced their national agenda to aggressively pursue the perpetrators of medical fraud.	Fraud
The NPTE Faculty Newsletter (2 nd quarter 2008) was given for review.	NPTE
Two continuing education applications were reviewed by the Board. First, "Feeding Solutions for the Infant and Young Child" was denied as the Board felt that this course had nothing to do with physical therapy. "The Process of Progress in Medicine, Sports Medicine and Baseball" was denied because the content/context were not applicable to present day PT practice.	Continuing Education

The open session of the meeting adjourned and the Board entered closed session at 1:55 p.m. for the purpose of medical review deliberations.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,



Ann Tyminski, Executive Director

8/19/08

Date approved



Margery F. Rodgers, PT, Chairperson